



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held June 24, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Knabe:

“Victims of domestic violence face significant barriers to employment and self-sufficiency, and are some of the most vulnerable individuals the County assists. The most recent funding distribution formula for services to this population – which was purely based on the distribution of the CalWORKs and General Relief caseload at large – was an attempt at achieving an equitable spread of resources. However, what resulted instead was a serious funding disparity in certain areas of the County, which inadvertently threatened the availability of these much needed services to the families victimized and abused by batterers there.

“In my District, this created an emergency situation which could have resulted in an interruption of these critical services had my office not stepped in with a one-time infusion of funds. However, that was a temporary fix that does not address the problems of dispersing funding without considering more specific elements, such as the actual level of service need each family requires and how that impacts expenditures. In providing resources to serve this highly vulnerable population, we must make every effort to ensure that the funding is not only equitable, but also accurately reflects the service needs and the level of effort.”

Olivia Rodriguez, Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council, addressed the Board.

After discussion, a recommendation was entered into the record for Supervisor Knabe to instruct the Chief Executive Officer to work in consultation with the Directors of Community and Senior Services and Public Social Services to:

1. Review the CalWORKs and the General Relief domestic violence programs; and
2. Report back to the Board within six months as to:
 - The actual number of domestic violence victims served by these programs in each Supervisorial District;

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- The level of effort as well as the rate of expenditures; and
- The development of recommendations as to a more precise funding distribution formula.

Supervisor Molina made a suggestion that Supervisor Knabe's recommendation be amended to instruct the Chief Executive Officer to work with the Director of Community and Senior Services and report back to the Board on how to include the Domestic Violence Council in the discussion about the formula for distribution of CalWORKs and General Relief funds.

At the suggestion of Supervisor Knabe, and on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Chief Executive Officer was instructed to take following actions:

1. Work in consultation with the Directors of Community and Senior Services and Public Social Services to review the CalWORKs and the General Relief domestic violence programs; and report back to the Board within six months as to:
 - The actual number of domestic violence victims served by these programs in each Supervisorial District;
 - The level of effort as well as the rate of expenditures; and
 - The development of recommendations as to a more precise funding distribution formula; and
2. Work with the Director of Community and Senior Services to report back to the Board on how to include the Domestic Violence Council in the discussion about the formula for distribution of CalWORKs and General Relief funds.

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